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Thai Enquirer Summary

Political News

- The Criminal Court's verdict that saw former deputy prime minister Suthep Thaugsuban and 25 other core members of the People's Democratic Reform Committee (PDRC) jailed for their role in street rallies to oust Yingluck Shinawatra government. The verdict comes amid the lower House's deliberation on charter amendment drafts, which is in a 2nd reading, and ongoing pro-democracy rallies led by the Ratsadon (People's Movement) Group.



- ❖ The Criminal Court ruled yesterday that Suthep and 5 others were guilty of insurrection for their roles in street protests against the elected government back

in 2013 and 2014. Suthep was sentenced to 5 years in prison for the protests without a suspended sentence.

- ❖ Eight others who were given jail sentences alongside Suthep are 3 ministers in the Gen Prayut government, namely Digital Economy Minister Buddhipongse Punnakanta, Education Minister Nataphol Teepsuwan, and Deputy Transport Minister Thaworn Senniam.
- ❖ Buddhipongse and Thaworn were sentenced to 7 and 5 years in prison, respectively, while Nataphol got 6 years and 16 months. The other 2 defendants found guilty of the same charges were Suriyasai Katasila and Taya Teepsuwan, who is married to the Education Minister. The court handed down a sentence of 2 years for Suriyasai, and 1 year and 8 months for Taya.
- ❖ The court declined to suspend their sentences, though it is not clear as of publication time whether Suthep and others would be granted a bail release while they appeal the verdict.
- ❖ The 3 ministers has immediately lost their seats in the Cabinet, since the law bans individuals who are convicted and given jail terms by the court to hold ministerial offices, says Deputy Prime Minister Wissanu Krea-ngam.
- ❖ The jail sentence for the 3 ministers already had a major bearing on Prime Minister Gen Prayut Chan-o-cha's cabinet and ministerial quota allocated among the coalition parties although Prayut earlier came out to say that a cabinet reshuffle is not on the cards.
- ❖ There will be some changes to the Democrat Party's quota of a cabinet position held by Thaworn. The party's quota for the deputy transport minister post is likely to go to a person who has direct connection to or is close aide to Democrat Party leader Jurin Laksanawisit and secretary-general Chalermchai Sri-on, a source with the Democrat Party said, adding that a candidate for the post will have to be

someone who is the party's "backer" and must be able to help shore up the party's image.

- ❖ Another report said the Democrat Party is looking to field a relative of Chumphon Julasai, a Democrat MP for Chumphon province, who was sentenced to 9 years and 24 months, in a by-election to fill a vacant seat left by Chumphon. Chumphon has now been banned from politics. Meanwhile, Thaworn is okay to keep his MP seat because he is not banned from politics although he was disqualified from his cabinet post.
- ❖ As for Somchai Issara, who was sentenced to 7 years and 16 months in jail, is also disqualified as a list-MP. Following Somchai's disqualification, Chakphan Piyapornpaiboon, owner of "Kosem fighting cock farm" and Chalermchai's nephew, who is the next candidate on the Democrats' party list will move up to replace Somchai.
- ❖ Meanwhile, a source who is a key member of the coalition government assessed that Gen Prayut and his deputy Gen Prawit Wongsuwan, as the Phalang Pracharat Party (PPRP) leader, are contemplating a major overhaul of the cabinet line-up given that the quotas of ministerial posts among the coalition parties and the number of government MPs have now changed. Rumour also has it that Gen Prayut mulls decision to cut ministerial quotas of the Democrat Party and increase the Bhumjai Thai's ministerial quotas, for at least 1 seat.
- ❖ The PPRP is said to plan a meeting of its executive committee members next week to discuss a new cabinet shake-up and consider the prospect of the next general election. Gen Prayut is said to have assigned his deputies to take care of ministerial seats left vacated by the 3 ministers.
- ❖ The PPRP's party-list system will undergo some changes with other MPs setting to move up on the list system to replace Nataphol and Buddhipongse. Yutthana Potasuthon, and Torsak Asavahame is expected to move up on the list to replace the duo. Yutthana is a nephew of Deputy Minister of Agriculture and

Cooperatives Prapat Potasuthon while Torsak is related to Chonsawat Asavahame, the leader of the Samut Prakan Kao Na faction inside the PPRP.

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- Rifts inside the coalition government showed sign of widening after some Bhumjai Thai Party MPs reportedly walked out of the chamber during the House's debate on charter amendment drafts in the 2nd reading.
 - ❖ Bhumjaithai Party MP for Ang Thong Paradorn Prissanantakul voiced his disagreement with Phalang Pracharat Party MP Wichian Chawalit over the charter amendment motion in its 2nd reading. It is said that Paradorn asked fellow Bhumjai Thai MPs to walk out of chamber in the show of opposition against the PPRP.
 - ❖ The House of Representatives passed a police reform bill in its 1st reading yesterday, The bill promising to set in motion reform of the police force was passed for 2nd-reading scrutiny by a vote of 565-2, with 3 abstentions.
 - ❖ The vote followed a debate where MPs expressed scepticism about police reform which the bill, presented by the cabinet, champions.
- The Ratsadon (People's Movement) Group yesterday led supporters to rally outside the Criminal Court to demand the release of the 4 protest leaders, Parit Chiwarak, Arnon Nampa, Somyos Prueksakasemsuk and Patiwat Saraiyaem.

- ❖ A small crowd of around 20 people donning black to mourn the Thai justice system gathered outside the Criminal Court on Ratchadaphisek Rd. The rally was held with the group read out a statement and lit black candles, without making any speech or using loud speakers. The group dispersed at 17.52 hours.
- Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha in his capacity as defence minister has had his first telephone call with the new US Defence Secretary, Lloyd Austin, in which he affirmed Thailand's commitment to fully adhering to the Asean Charter, developing democracy and supporting its neighbours to peacefully resolve regional problems.
 - ❖ The phone call between Gen Prayut and his US counterpart took place on Tuesday night following Mr Austin's appointment as the new US defence secretary, Defence Ministry spokesman Lt Gen Kongcheep Tantravanich said yesterday. The Asean Charter, which came into force on Dec 15, 2008, is the cornerstone of ensuring a democratic Asean Community. It also codifies Asean norms, rules and values; sets clear targets for Asean; and presents the region with accountability and compliance measures.
 - ❖ Thailand was also ready to support the US in taking part in Asean's efforts to resolve its problems with "creativity" for the sake of the region's security and interests, Gen Prayut pledged during Tuesday's talk.
- The military yesterday announced a major overhaul of its forces aimed at cutting the number of high-ranking officers.
 - ❖ The Royal Thai Armed Forces (RTAF) announced that unnecessary units will be removed, while the setting up of new units under major generals, rear admirals, air vice marshals and other high-ranking officers will be suspended. The changes stemmed from high-level talks, the RTAF's spokesperson said.

- ❖ The new guidelines are expected to cut the number of high-ranking officers – major generals, rear admirals, and air vice marshals – by 5 to 10 per cent. The overhaul will start from this April.
 - Police chief Pol Gen Suwat Jangyodsuk is reported to send a letter to Parliament speaker Chuan Leekpai, requesting him to allow Phalang Pracharat Party (PPRP) MP Pareena Kraikupt to report to investigators.
 - ❖ In his letter, the police chief said the Natural Resources and Environmental Crime Suppression Division found sufficient evidence to bring charges against the PPRP MP in connection to alleged forest encroachment by her poultry farm in Ratchaburi due to the ongoing parliamentary session.
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Economic News

- Thirty-eight listed companies expect to refrain from paying dividends for the financial year 2020, according to a report from the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET).
 - ❖ The SET said 38 listed companies, with a combined retail investors of 136,860, said they will not pay dividends this year, according to its latest survey.
 - ❖ Of 38 listed firms, 31 are companies listed in the SET main index and 7 in the Market for Alternative Investment (MAI), most of which are in the food and beverage industries and the media and print media industries, followed by the property development industry and the tourism and recreation industries.
- After the 1st lot of Covid-19 vaccines from Sinovac and AstraZeneca landed in Thailand yesterday, Supant Mongkolsuthree, chairman of the Federation of Thai Industries (FTI),

came out to urge the government to speed up its coronavirus vaccination programme to get Thai people vaccinated quickly.

- ❖ The FTI chairman said the fast vaccine rollout will be a boon to the Thai economy in that it will restore confidence for the country, helping Thailand become a very first in the region that can contain the pandemic crisis better than peers.
- ❖ The FTI also pushed for a vaccine passport idea for Thais and expats in a bid to boost confidence among foreign visitors and private operators. Supant floated the idea that vaccination records could be integrated as part of information on identification cards of Thai citizens. Vaccine proof can also be shown on other form of travel documents like passports, especially for expats.
- An association formed by 7 airlines, namely, Thai AirAsia and Thai AirAsia X, Bangkok Airways, Nok Airlines, Thai Smile Airways, Thai Lion Air and Thai Vietjet Air, called for the government to prioritise aviation workers in its vaccine program to boost confidence for the tourism industry.
 - ❖ The association has asked the government to give Covid-19 vaccines to airline workers who are frontline workers to receive foreign visitors when the country reopens.
 - ❖ Moreover, it asked the government to speed up mechanisms such as vaccine passports can boost tourism.
 - ❖ The government has come out to say that some of the 1st vaccines to reach Thailand could be allocated to hotel staff in designated areas to allow visitors to complete their quarantine within areas as wide as a city, the government said Wednesday, as Thailand explores ways to boost its ailing tourism sector.

- The delivery of the 1st batch of Covid-19 vaccines fuelled optimism on the overall economic outlook, according to Wuttipong Jittangsakul, Fiscal Policy Advisor and spokesman of the Finance Ministry's Fiscal Policy Office (FPO).
 - ❖ Domestic virus inoculation, foreign tourist arrivals and export growth are among the key variables determining the revision of GDP growth outlook this year, says Wuttipong.
 - ❖ The Finance Ministry expects an improvement in the economy in February but it will not revise economic growth forecast of 2.8 per cent for this year just yet, Wuttipong said, adding that the agency plans to update its economic growth projection for Thailand again in April.
 - ❖ It speculated that the vaccination program could help boost foreign tourists' confidence, enabling the country to welcome back international tourists in Songkran holiday this April, especially after other countries already started their vaccine rollouts.
 - ❖ The FPO expects around 5 million foreign tourists to return to the Kingdom by the end of 2021.
 - ❖ Thai Restaurant Association President Taniwan Koonmongkon said after lifting the alcohol ban in restaurants until 23.00 hrs, operators will be able to attract customers for dine-in services which support revenue and jobs for waiting and parking staff.
 - ❖ Normally, restaurants gain profit from food at 20-30 per cent, while profit from beverage sales including alcohol accounts for 60 per cent.
 - ❖ She expects the number of clients to increase further in the following months.

- The Ministry Of Transport yesterday gave the greenlight for budget airline NokScoot to go out of business without being declared bankrupt.
 - ❖ The Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT) is now tasked with compiling legal information in order to help the airline seek permission to exit the business and the liquidation process without being declared bankrupt from Transport Minister Saksayam Chidchob so that he can propose to the cabinet for consideration.
 - ❖ NokScoot was established in 2014 as a joint venture between Singapore-based Scoot and SET-listed Nok Airlines Plc. Nok, a domestic budget carrier established in 2004, holds 51 per cent of the shares and Scoot, a Singapore Airlines subsidiary, holds the remaining 49 per cent. Thai Airways International, now under bankruptcy protection, holds a 13.28 per cent shareholding in Nok Airlines.
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General News

- Yesterday marked historic day in Thailand following the arrival of Covid-19 vaccines from 2 producers China's Sinovac and the Oxford-AstraZeneca, raising hopes that the country will soon reel from the pandemic.
 - ❖ The Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) said the 1st 200,000 Sinovac jabs will be given to front-line medical workers in 13 worst-hit and economically important provinces.
 - ❖ In Samut Sakhon, where the second wave of the outbreak began in December, 70,000 jabs will be going to frontline medical workers (14,000), people with high-risk (46,000) and the general population (10,000).

- ❖ Other worst-hit provinces that will receive the vaccines first include Bangkok (66,000), Pathumthani (8,000), Samut Prakan (6,000), Nonthaburi (6,000), Tak (5,000), Nakhon Pathom (3,500), Ratchaburi (2,500) and Samut Songkhram (2,000).
- ❖ The economically important provinces that will also receive vaccines from the first batch include Chonburi (4,700), Phuket (4,000), Chiang Mai (3,500) and Surat Thani, which includes Samui Island (2,500).
- Thailand recorded 93 new Covid-19 cases yesterday, 71 local infections and 22 imported cases, raising the total to 25,692.
 - ❖ Of the 71 local infections, Samut Sakhon province logged 56 cases. Of these, 51 were confirmed at hospitals (37 Thais, 13 Myanmar and one Lao) and 5 Thai cases found in communities.
 - ❖ Pathum Thani recorded 7 new cases - 6 identified in communities (3 Thais and 3 Myanmar) and 1 Thai woman at hospital.
 - ❖ Ayutthaya saw 5 new cases - Thai citizens confirmed at hospitals. Bangkok recorded 2 new cases, Thai, at hospitals. Nonthaburi reported a new Myanmar case via active testing in communities.
 - ❖ The 22 imported cases were quarantined arrivals from Iran (1), Bahrain (1), Japan (4), Germany (1), the United Arab Emirates (12 Thai women), Kuwait (1), Pakistan (1) and Uganda (1).
- The Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation on Wednesday dismissed news reports suggesting Thailand was the source of the Covid-19 pandemic, saying it had conducted tests on various types of wildlife claimed to have contained the virus that causes the disease and found the claims were untrue.

- ❖ The department was responding to Denmark's daily newspaper Politiken that published an article on Monday questioning whether Chatuchak Market was indeed "the place that brought the coronavirus to Wuhan".
 - ❖ The article quoted Danish epidemiologist Thea Kolsen Fischer, who was on a recent WHO fact-finding mission to China, as saying that Southeast Asia could be the source of the virus, the department said. The department from time to time randomly tests all types of animals sold at Chatuchak Market, both imported and local, and had not found any creatures infected with Sars-CoV-2 as claimed, Thanya Netithammakul, the department's director-general said yesterday.
 - Tomorrow is a public holiday in Thailand to mark Makha Bucha Day in Thailand.
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Political News Headlines in Thai Media

- On Wednesday, the courts ruled that the leaders of the ironically named Peoples Democratic Reform Committee were guilty of occupying government buildings and trying to obstruct the 2014 election.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/24676/opinion-never-forget-the-pdrcs-crimes-they-deserve-no-sympathy/>
- Thirty-nine former members of the now defunct People's Democratic Reform Committee (PDRC), some of them ministers in the current government, were found guilty by the Bangkok Criminal Court on Wednesday for their participation in anti-government demonstrations in 2014 and sentenced to varying prison terms.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/24632/ex-pdrc-members-attend-court-for-treason-verdict-over-2014-clashes/>
- Some of the first vaccines to reach Thailand could be allocated to hotel staff in designated areas to allow visitors to complete their quarantine within areas as wide as a city, the government said Wednesday, as Thailand explores ways to boost its ailing tourism sector.

- Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/24656/government-considers-vaccinating-tourism-workers-to-create-area-quarantine-zones/>
- Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi met with her Myanmar counterpart in Bangkok on Wednesday after widespread protest halted her plans to fly to Naypyidaw.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/24666/indonesia-foreign-minister-meets-with-myanmar-counterpart-in-thailand/>
- Myanmar's foreign minister arrived in Thailand on Wednesday for talks with Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha and Foreign Minister Don Pramudwinai, according to a Thai government source.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30403017>
- Thailand found 93 new coronavirus cases in the past 24 hours, officials said Wednesday.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/24645/new-covid-cases-still-below-100-per-day/>
- China's SinoVacs vaccine arrived in Thailand on Wednesday, with the first 200,000 doses being administered to front-line workers.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/24631/opinion-the-vaccines-are-here-and-the-focus-must-now-shit-to-the-economy/>
- In Thai, there is an oft-used phrase: tok ma tai, "to die after falling off a horse." It is an idiom that describes how someone can do something well almost to completion, only to make a mess of things just before reaching the finish line.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/24624/opinion-governments-vaccine-strategy-must-remain-under-scrutiny/>
- A major reshuffle is on the cards after three cabinet ministers were among 26 people who were on Wednesday given varying jail sentences for their roles in street protests that ousted the Yingluck administration.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/politics/2073923/3-ministers-get-instant-chop>
- The Thai military has announced a major overhaul of its forces aimed at cutting the number of high-ranking officers.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30403022>

- A draft law that will force non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to register with the Interior Ministry was approved by the Cabinet on Wednesday.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/news/30403014>
 - The bill promising to set in motion reform of the police force sailed through its first reading in the House of Representatives on Wednesday.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2073931/police-bill-passes-1st-house-hurdle>
 - A leading civil rights activist has slammed the cabinet-approved version of a law aimed to promote transparency of civil society organisations, saying the content has been revised without public input.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2073927/activist-slams-rejig-of-civil-society-law>
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Economic News Headlines in Thai Media

- Shares of hotel operator Erawan Group (ERW) fell 10 per cent to 4.14 baht by midday trading Wednesday, with a transaction value of 392 million baht, on news of a 3.1-billion-baht capital-increase plan and fears over share dilution.
 - Link- <https://www.thaienquirer.com/24652/erawan-group-sheds-10-on-plan-to-issue-new-shares/>
- The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) Index closed at 1,491.11 on Wednesday, down 9.50 points or 0.63 per cent. Total transactions amounted to Bt96.24 billion with an index high of 1,507.78 and a low of 1,485.94. However, other stock markets across Asia all suffered larger losses on Wednesday.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/business/30403020>
- Global Power Synergy (GPSC) expects its performance this year to improve thanks to a 4-per-cent increase in the demand for electricity.
 - Link- <https://www.nationthailand.com/business/30403012>

- Migrant garment workers in Tak province who were illegally underpaid while making products for major brands have received all the wages owed to them after theme park operator and film producer Universal Studios agreed to pay the outstanding amount.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2073843/garment-workers-in-tak-receive-full-compensation-after-wages-expose>
- Thailand's economy slowed in January from the previous month as the recent coronavirus outbreak hit domestic activity but the start of the country's vaccination drive should spur confidence and tourism, the finance ministry said on Wednesday.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2073859/economy-slows-in-jan-after-virus-outbreak-but-vaccines-a-boost>
- The government is scheduled to hold a joint meeting with related agencies on Monday to discuss the future of the much-criticised Chana Industrial Estate in Songkhla after it decided to put the entire project on hold earlier this week.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2073963/meeting-set-to-examine-moot-project>
- The government has cut off 45 low-priced Blue Flag stores from its financial relief schemes after they were found to breach the conditions.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2074011/ministry-bans-45-cheaters>
- The Treasury Department is preparing to sign a contract for the Mo Chit Complex project worth 26 billion baht, after 25 years of delays, says director-general Yuttana Yimgarund.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2074111/mo-chit-complex-contract-soon>
- The use of free trade agreement (FTA) privileges and the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) by Thai exporters tallied US\$62.3 billion in 2020, down 10.5% from a year before, mainly attributed to the pandemic.
 - Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2074067/privilege-use-drops-among-exporters-due-to-outbreak>
- Three key economic stimulus packages -- the co-payment subsidy scheme, We Win financial aid programme and the Section 33 We Love Each Other programme -- are instrumental to shoring up the country's economy, boosting the country's economic growth by a combined 1.76 percentage points this year.

- Link- <https://www.bangkokpost.com/business/2074007/utcc-gdp-boost-from-3-packages>

Issues to be watched out for

- January 25-March 31, 2021 – The implementation of the 2nd-phase of the co-payment scheme will allow registrants to start spending.
- February, 2021 – The Legal Execution Department plans to open the auction for the Dhara Dhevi Hotel Chiang Mai next month at a price of 2.116 billion baht.
- February, 2021 – A law amendment bill that allows women with pregnancies of not more than 12 weeks to get an abortion is to take effect.
- February 21-March 7, 2021 – Insured workers under Section 33 of the social security system are allowed to register via the website [www.xn--33-cti เรารักกัน.com](http://www.xn--33-cti-wea-ric-kai-n.com).
- February 24, 2021 – The Makha Bucha, another important day for Buddhists.
- February 28, 2021 – Tentative date for municipality elections and the election of tambon administrative organizations (TAOs).
- February 28, 2021 – The current parliamentary session is scheduled to go into recess.
- March 1, 2021 – Restaurants and other eateries are allowed to serve alcoholic drinks and provide live music to their customers again until 23.00 hrs.
- March 2, 2021 – Thai Airways International Plc (THAI) is expected to submit its rehabilitation plan to the Central Bankruptcy Court.
- March 7, 2021 – A by-election in Nakhon Si Thammarat's constituency 3 to fill in a seat left vacant due to the Constitutional Court's disqualification of former Democrat Party MP Thepthai Senpong.
- March 8, 2021 – A hearing is set by public prosecutors for 3 core leaders of the pro-democracy Ratsadon Group and 15 others for their roles in the 19 – 20 September 2020 protests.
- March 15, 2021 – The Central Criminal Court for Corruption and Misconduct Cases court is set to begin examining the Bangkok Mass Transit System (BTSC)'s petition, asking it

to bring a lawsuit against the Mass Rapid Transit Authority of Thailand (MRTA) over the cancelled bidding for the western extension of the MRT Orange Line.

- March 17-18, 2021 – The parliament is expected to hold an extraordinary session to vote for charter amendment drafts in the 3rd reading and consider a bill on national referendums.
- March 22 –April 4, 2021 – The 42nd Bangkok International Motor Show is to be held in Nonthaburi's Impact Arena, Muang Thong Thani.
- March 26, 2021 – The test run for the Red Line railway is scheduled to commence.
- March 28, 2021 – Elections for the mayors and councilors of municipalities of all levels - tambon, muang and nakhon - throughout the country.
- March 31, 2021 – The government's half-half co-payment scheme is set to end.
- March 31-June 30, 2021 – The deadline extension to file personal income taxes for the 2020 tax year.
- April, 2021 – Thai Airways International Plc (THAI) expects the Central Bankruptcy Court to consider its rehab blueprint for approval.
- April 2021 – The Batong Airport is scheduled to be opened after being postponed from February due to the resurgence of the Covid-19.
- April, 2021 – The central bank plans to officially implement the new rule on the rate of penalty imposed on loan defaulters in a bid to ease borrowers' burdens and motivate them to repay their debts. ●
- May, 2021 – The 66th Bangkok Gems & Jewelry Fair (BGJF) Virtual Trade Fair is set to be held.
- May 7, 2021 – Thai Airways International Plc (THAI) is expected to hold a creditors meeting to inspect and vote for the rehab plan.
- June, 2021 – Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC)'s debt holiday is due to expire.
- September 1, 2021 – The government will collect value-added tax from Netflix, Youtube, Google, Facebook as well as other e-commerce services.

Key Data

SET Index **1,491.11** **-9.50**

- Link - https://www.set.or.th/en/company/ipo/upcoming_ipo_set.html

Global Commodities

- Metal -Link <http://www.bloomberg.com/markets/commodities/futures/metals/>
- Energy -Link - <http://www.bloomberg.com/energy/>
- Baltic Dry Index (BDI)-Link - <http://www.bloomberg.com/quote/BDIY:IND>

Global Equity Market's Movements

- Link - <http://www.bloomberg.com/markets/stocks/world-indexes/asia-pacific/>

Asian Equity Markets Movement

- Link - <http://www.bloomberg.com/markets/stocks/world-indexes/>

Information on February 24, 2021

Buying, Selling or Transfer of shares by Owners/Management

| Stock Code | Volume | Value | Action |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| ADB | 200,000 | 1.9 | Sale |
| ADB | 270,000 | 1.82 | Sale |
| ASEFA | 20,000 | 2.46 | Purchase |
| BKI | 11,000 | 270 | Purchase |
| BGC | 60,000 | 10.2 | Purchase |
| BGC | 100,000 | 10.1 | Purchase |

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|-------|------------|-------|----------|
| GSC | 10,000 | 1.07 | Sale |
| KCE | 100,000 | 56 | Sale |
| KCE | 6,300 | 56.25 | Sale |
| THANI | 800,000 | 4.12 | Purchase |
| THANI | 400,000 | 4.07 | Purchase |
| COLOR | 40,500 | 1.45 | Sale |
| SUSCO | 50,000 | 2.84 | Purchase |
| TACC | 31,000 | 8.57 | Sale |
| TMW | 5,000 | 32.5 | Purchase |
| TMW | 2,000 | 32.5 | Purchase |
| VIBHA | 10,961,400 | 1.76 | Sale |

XD, XE or XM or other notifications

For list of Companies that have dividend payment and AGM meeting schedules click on <http://www.set.or.th/set/calendarofevents.do>

Trading Breakdown on the Stock Exchange of Thailand

| Daily as of 24 Feb 2021 | | | | | | | Unit: M.Baht |
|--|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|---------------------|
| Investor Type | Buy | | Sell | | Net | | |
| | Value | % | Value | % | Value | % | |
| Local Institutions | 6,509.64 | 6.76 | 8,953.97 | 9.3 | -2,444.33 | - | |
| Proprietary Trading | 10,069.61 | 10.46 | 9,170.01 | 9.53 | 899.59 | - | |
| Foreign Investors | 34,072.83 | 35.4 | 36,515.71 | 37.94 | -2,442.88 | - | |
| Local Individuals | 45,596.26 | 47.37 | 41,608.65 | 43.23 | 3,987.61 | - | |
| Monthly Cumulative between 1 - 24 Feb 2021 | | | | | | | Unit: M.Baht |
| Investor Type | Buy | | Sell | | Net | | |
| | Value | % | Value | % | Value | % | |
| Local Institutions | 108,165.19 | 7.16 | 124,065.17 | 8.21 | -15,899.98 | - | |
| Proprietary Trading | 149,699.91 | 9.9 | 147,187.66 | 9.74 | 2,512.25 | - | |
| Foreign Investors | 544,385.77 | 36.02 | 555,637.68 | 36.76 | -11,251.91 | - | |
| Local Individuals | 709,115.71 | 46.92 | 684,476.07 | 45.29 | 24,639.63 | - | |
| Yearly Cumulative since 1 Jan - 24 Feb 2021 | | | | | | | Unit: M.Baht |

| Investor Type | Buy | | Sell | | Net | |
|---------------------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|------------|---|
| | Value | % | Value | % | Value | % |
| Local Institutions | 262,096.60 | 7.52 | 294,021.32 | 8.44 | -31,924.72 | - |
| Proprietary Trading | 365,976.92 | 10.51 | 364,405.48 | 10.46 | 1,571.44 | - |
| Foreign Investors | 1,230,765.27 | 35.34 | 1,252,920.13 | 35.97 | -22,154.86 | - |
| Local Individuals | 1,624,211.66 | 46.63 | 1,571,703.52 | 45.12 | 52,508.14 | - |

Total Trading Value 96,248.34 Million Baht

Background Information –

The strength of each party in the Thai Parliament as of May 8, 2019 as per the report by the Election Commission of Thailand. Elections took place on March 24, 2019

- https://www.ect.go.th/ect_th/news_all.php?cid=24
- List of MPs - https://www.ect.go.th/ect_th/download/article/article_20190508184334.pdf

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